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PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *May 19, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended May 17, 1902. Also the report of the deaths in this city during the month of April, 1902. On the 17th, the French steamship *St Domingue* arrived from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez. She was held in quarantine, but allowed to land passengers after disinfection of their baggage. Twenty-two pieces and 1 sack of mail were disinfected. The vessel sailed on the same day for St. Thomas. The board of health reports 2 new cases of smallpox and 13 recoveries during the past week. Besides the above vessel held in quarantine, there were 3 vessels inspected and passed, and 4 bills of health issued.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality statistics—Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of April, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *May 15, 1902.*

Diseases of—			
Digestive system	24	Cancer	1
Respiratory system	12	Puerperal fever	2
Circulatory system	3	Electric shock	1
Nervous system	6	Suicidal	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition	8		
Malaria	9	Total	96
Tuberculosis	8		

Number of deaths reported during April, 1902 (*a*)	75
Number of deaths reported during April, 1901 (*a*)	145
Number of births reported during April, 1902 (*a*)	100
Number of births reported during April, 1901 (*a*)	69

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended May 17, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *May 19, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended May 17, 1902. May 17, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez, P. R., with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended May 17, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 21, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended May 17, 1902, at the subports of Porto Rico.